

2 December 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT : Secretariat Summary of USIB Agenda for 4 December

Item 1 Watch Report

Draft by Watch Committee to be circulated for USIB approval;

Sponsor - Item 2 NIE on Europe, The US, and the USSR

BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;

Sponsor - Mr. Smith

This paper was initiated under the regular estimates program, although it was agreed at the time the program was formulated that it should be prepared initially as a memorandum and a decision then be made whether to proceed with formal coordination. After seeing the memorandum all agencies agreed to proceed with this draft estimate.

While this draft is fully coordinated at the USIB Representatives level BNE encountered a few coordination problems. DIA was reluctant, on the grounds of "anticipating policy" to discuss the impact of a US troop cut (paras. 30, 30a, 31). BNE pointed out that this has been done in the past and that it was a valid intelligence function, but did adjust the text to make the comments in as general a way as possible. The Navy thought more attention should be paid to the impact on Europe of a possible decline in the US position in other world areas. BNE believes the addition of the last two sentences of paragraph 49 has satisfied the Navy on this point. State is entirely satisfied with the present draft.

BNE expects no problems although some USIB Principals could raise some unforeseen point.

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NOTE re Release of Sensitive Information to Congress

After further discussion of the talking paper on this subject, Messrs. Maury and Proctor, with the concurrence of Mr. Parrott and myself, plan to recommend at tomorrow's staff meeting that you authorize postponement of the presentation of this matter to USIB pending additional study and report to you.



Executive Secretary, USIB

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